DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

April 12, 1983

Mr. John Martin
ABC News
Fourth Floor
1926 Broadway
New York, New York 10023

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is in response to your March, 30 1983 letter to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, requesting certain records on Klaus Barbie (aka: Klaus Altmann) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended (5 USC552). Your letter has been referred to this office for reply and was received here on this date.

The records you have requested concerning Klaus Barbie are now the subject of a full investigation by the Attorney General of the United States. Accordingly, I find it necessary to withhold the requested records under exemption (b)(7)(A) of the Freedom of Information Act, since the release of these records would interfere with the investigation proceedings. When this investigation has been completed, this office will reprocess your original request.

This denial is made on behalf of the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority (IDA) for Army intelligence and security records under the Freedom of Information Act. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it so that it reaches this office for necessary processing no later than 45 days from the date of this letter (excepting Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays). The mailing address is:

> Freedom of Information/Privacy Office
> U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command
> ATTN: IACSF-FI
> Fort Meade, Maryland 20755

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While I regret we cannot provide further assistance at this time, I trust that you appreciate the considerations involved.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Conley
Chief
Freedom of Information/Privacy Office

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